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## House Armed Services Committee

### DAILY SUMMARY – OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM

Current as of 12:00 p.m. EST April 16, 2003



#### Coalition Forces Update

- Free Iraqi Forces supported by U.S. forces began to patrol sections of Baghdad in a move to restore security and prevent looting in the city.
- U.S. Marines clashed with Iraqi Arabs in Mosul, resulting in the death of seven to twelve people. Reports indicate that the crowd became infuriated when U.S. forces entered the town's main government building.
- The 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division continues stability operations in southwest Baghdad, Karbala, Samawa and Najaf.
- Reports indicate that elements of the 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Division continue to move into theater, but that the division will deploy without its artillery units.
- The deployment of the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division remains on hold with the exception of its military police and civil affairs units.

#### Significant Events in Last 24 Hours

- Abu Abbas, the mastermind behind the 1985 hijacking of the Italian cruise ship *Achille Lauro*, was captured by U.S. special operations forces supported by elements of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division yesterday in Iraq.
- Coalition forces held the first in a series of meetings to establish an Interim Iraqi Authority outside of Nasiriyah.